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Outstanding contributions recognized during AFRL Corporate awards

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, Ohio — Winners of the 2nd annual Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) Corporate awards were announced July 11 during a banquet ceremony in the Great Hall, David H. Ponitz Sinclair Center, Sinclair Community College, Dayton.

This year's competition saw 92 nominations submitted all across AFRL. Military, civilian and contractor employees are eligible for the competition. The selection of finalists and winners were made by the AFRL corporate awards selection board and approved by Maj. Gen. Paul D. Nielsen.

The Commander's Cup Award was presented to Christopher J. Risitich, Materials and Manufacturing Directorate, Wright-Patterson AFB. He leads the Integrated Agile Laser Protection Roadmap activity. This year's Commander's Cup Team Award was presented to the MightySat Payload Team, Space Vehicles Directorate, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico, for the outstanding mission success of the MightySat II. Team members include a 1st James Arnold, 1st Lt. Megan Bir, Capt. Scott Carter, Thomas Caudill, Thomas Cooley, Gerald Felde, 1st Lt. Jacob Freeman, Randolph Kahn, Eric Kouba, Ronald Lockwood, Craig McLaughlin, Capt. Eddie Meidunas, 1st Lt. Victor Osweiler, Ken Qassim, 2nd Lt. Rojan Quarles, Capt. Clifford Rudder, Chris Sabol, John Schummers, 1st Lt. Krista Steenbergen, and 2nd Lt. Summer Yarbrough.

The Scientific/Technical Management Award was presented to Kenneth R. Lockwood, Munitions Directorate, Eglin AFB, Florida for incorporating innovative technologies into eight flight tests over the course of a year. The Scientific/Technical Achievement award went to James R. Gord, Propulsion Directorate, Wright Patterson AFB. Gord was credited with increasing the level of understanding of fundamental and applied combustion processes and devices. Rolf Sondergaard and Maj. Jeffrey P. Bons

of the Propulsion Directorate distinguished themselves by discovering a way to control flow separation on turbine blades and earning the Scientific/Technical Achievement Team Award.

The Senior Leadership Award went to Richard J. Hill, Propulsion Directorate for contributions to the Turbine Engine Division during a year of major reorganization and critical jet engine science and technology execution. Maj. Stephen D. Ford was honored with the Leadership Award for leading advances in the Airborne Laser beam control technology programs.

Brenda L. Weekley, Munitions Directorate, earned the Mission Support Award. Weekley, an electronics technician, led teams of technicians in the preparation for execution, and cleanup after a variety of complex explosive experiments. The Mission Support Team Award was presented to the Munitions Management Information Systems Team. Team members include: Government – Georgette Lare, Dee D. Soben, Phyllis L. Williams; Contractors – Lynda K. Brown, Kevin P. Hynes, Timothy J. Lord, Jeffrey L. Saunders, Joanne M. Nelson, and Teresa Rast. The team was credited with producing highly dependable, critical systems for business processes and streamlining activities.

Cynthia A. Laird, Air Vehicles Directorate, Wright-Patterson AFB, received the Senior Administrative Excellence Award for her support as a secretary to the various office throughout the directorate. Gerald L. Long, Directed Energy Directorate, Kirtland AFB, Albuquerque, N.M., was presented with the Administrative Excellence Award. Long provides administrative support and oversees office management, security, and functional area records management for two geographically separated units. @